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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOTELY OPERATING A  
PLURALITY OF INFORMATION DEVICES CONNECTED TO A  
NETWORK PROVIDED WITH PLUG-AND-PLAY FUNCTION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 21, after line 19, add the following paragraphs:

---The present invention is not limited to the above described embodiments, and

various variations and modifications may be possible without departing from the scope of the present invention.